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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINT, PEPR, EC, GW  
SUBJECT: GERMAN SUPPORT OF ECUADOREAN POLITICAL PARTIES

REF: QUITO 2582

1. WE RAISED THE SUBJECT OF POSSIBLE SUPPORT OF ECUADOREAN POLITICAL PARTIES BY GERMAN FOUNDATIONS WITH THE FOREIGN OFFICE (DIRECTOR FOR ANDEAN AFFAIRS) IN THE COURSE OF DISCUSSION ON ANOTHER TOPIC. HE CLAIMED NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY SUPPORT, FINANCIAL OR OTHERWISE, BY THE FRIEDRICH EBERT FOUNDATION OR THE KONRAD ADENAUER FOUNDATION TO ANY OF ECUADOR'S POLITICAL PARTIES.

2. NOR IS THE EMBASSY AWARE OF ANY ACTIVITIES AS DESCRIBED REFTEL. THIS IS NOT TO EXCLUDE, HOWEVER, THE POSSIBILITY THAT EITHER OR BOTH OF THE FOUNDATIONS HAVE INDEED BECOME INVOLVED. BOTH ARE TRADITIONALLY ACTIVE IN SUPPORT OF KINDRED POLITICAL MOVEMENTS, AND THE FOREIGN OFFICE AND THE FRG EMBASSY IN THE HOST COUNTRY ARE OFTEN NOT CURRENT ON THEIR ACTIVITIES. THESE ACTIVITIES, HOWEVER, WHILE PERHAPS ANNOYING TO THE FOREIGN OFFICE, ARE COMPLETELY LEGITIMATE  
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WITHIN THE GERMAN POLITICAL CONTEXT. MOREOVER, THEY GENERALLY DO NOT INVOLVE DIRECT FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF POLITICAL GROUPS IN OTHER COUNTRIES, BUT RATHER LESS DIRECT ASSISTANCE AS STUDY OR TRAVEL GRANTS, CONSULTATIONS, EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCES, AND THE LIKE. WE WOULD DOUBT VERY MUCH THAT EITHER FOUNDATION COMMITTED ITSELF HEAVILY ON THE ECUADOREAN POLITICAL

SCENE.

3. WE WILL KEEP ALERT FOR ANYTHING WHICH MAY SHED  
MORE LIGHT ON THESE RUMORS OF GERMAN INVOLVEMENT.  
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